

SENATE RESOLUTION 104  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and salute Captain Samuel Stephen Shrader of the United States Army for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and to the nation.

WHEREAS, our nation was founded by individuals who were willing to sacrifice themselves and put aside their personal needs and concerns in order to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have gone above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, Captain Samuel Stephen Shrader of the United States Army, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, is one such remarkable soldier who has wholly given himself over to service to this great nation; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued this time-honored tradition of volunteerism and altruism through service in the units of the U.S. Armed Forces; these individuals selflessly serve with courage and gallantry and deserve to be recognized for heroism in the line of duty and model citizenship in our American society; and

WHEREAS, as accentuated by the tragic events and cowardly acts of terror inflicted upon the United States on September 11, 2001, we live in an era in which the fabric of international diplomacy is complex and densely interwoven; the terrain is treacherous, and our nation must act judiciously and with earnest resolve in order to protect the American way of life and the institution of democracy, and to make the world safe for the advancement of personal and political freedom for the expanse of the diverse human family; and

WHEREAS, in recent months, our Armed Forces have nobly shouldered the responsibility of ridding the international community of the scourge that is terrorism, beginning with Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, and continuing to this day with Operation Iraqi Freedom, as they actively maintain a vigilant presence throughout the world, guarding against those who would seek to destroy our way of life and demolish our hard-earned freedoms; and

WHEREAS, intrepid men and women from Tennessee such as Captain Stephen Shrader are unselfishly paying the price of freedom for their friends, families, and all of us as they sacrifice their time, safety, and personal desires; if war disrupts the peace and prosperity of American life, these individuals will enter the fray on our behalf, boldly and without hesitation or complaint, just as they have left behind the enduring warmth of family and home; and

WHEREAS, growing up on his parents' 160-acre dairy farm, Captain Shrader graduated from Jefferson County High School and Carson-Newman College; he has quickly worked his way up to the position of Company Commander in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division; and

WHEREAS, early in life, Captain Shrader was enthralled by the military, making up his mind in the 8th grade to join; he has never regretted his decision, and continues to serve with great valor as an integral part of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, comforted by the love and support of his wife, Tiffany Bishop Shrader, and their young son, Mason, Captain Shrader will continue to do all this is deemed necessary to protect the inviolate freedoms and the precious ways of life he, his brother, Joe Shrader, and his

sister, Amy Sellers, learned early in life through the guidance of their parents, Sam and Brenda Shrader; and

WHEREAS, we extend our most heartfelt support and empathy to the family of Captain Shrader and to the families of all our servicemen and servicewomen now on active duty; we stand in solidarity with them, offering space in our hearts and moments in our days to remember their loved ones serving so far from home; and

WHEREAS, though we cannot adequately express our appreciation to the courageous men and women of our Armed Forces such as Captain Shrader who are fighting to preserve the blessed freedom that is inseparable from our American heritage and ideals, it is most appropriate that we should honor them to the full extent of our ability, as they make untold and innumerable sacrifices to preserve the liberties we enjoy today and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for generations to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we express our stalwart support for and express our deepest pride in Captain Samuel Stephen Shrader and all the servicemen and servicewomen from Tennessee as they defend our State, our country, and the entire world, extend to them our sincere hopes for a swift and diplomatic restoration of peace with justice and honor, and offer our fervent prayers for the safe return of our soldiers to their homes and families.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we also express our sincere and concerned support for and extend our best wishes to the family of Captain Shrader and to all the families of the Tennessee Army and Air National Guard personnel, the U.S. Army and Naval Reserves, and regular soldiers of the U.S. Armed Forces from Tennessee, and we join these families in their hopes and prayers for the safe and speedy return of their loved ones.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

